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In re application of :  
Wolfgang HALFBRODT et al. : Group Art Unit: 1625  
Serial No.: 09/759,360 <sup>Wd</sup> : Examiner: B. M. Robinson  
Filed: January 16, 2001 :  
For: 1, 2 DIARYLBENZIMIDAZOLES AND THEIR PHARMACEUTICAL USE

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AMENDMENT AND ELECTION

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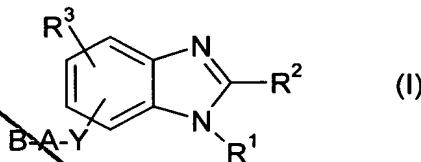
Sir:

In response to the Office Action of January 30, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1 and 13-24 as follows:

--1. (Amended) A benzimidazole compound according to formula I



in which

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R<sup>1</sup> means a monocyclic or bicyclic C<sub>6-12</sub> aryl group or a monocyclic or bicyclic 5- to 10-membered heteroaryl group with 1-4 heteroatoms selected from the group that consists of N, S or O, wherein said aryl or heteroaryl group is unsubstituted or is substituted with up to three of the following substituents, independently of one another:

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